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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KIERAN P. MURPHY, ET AL. ) : Examiner: R. B. White  
Application No.: 10/602,886 ) : Group Art Unit: 3636  
Filed: June 25, 2003 ) : Confirmation No.: 2271  
For: SURGICAL CHAIR FOR )  
PERCUTANEOUS SPINAL ) : July 15, 2004  
CATHETER INSERTION )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of June 21, 2004, Applicants elect Group III, Claim 13, drawn to a spinal catheter, with traverse. Traversal is on the grounds that a search of the art for one group of claims will necessarily include a search of the art for the other group of claims. It is believed that the burden on the Examiner to examine all claims in a single application is less than the burden on the Applicants/public to prosecute/search more than one application/patent.

This paper affirms the provisional election, with traverse, made by Richard P. Bauer (#31,588) during a telephone conversation with Examiner White on June 14, 2004.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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